

# THE VEGANUARY BUSINESS SUPPORT TOOLKIT HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN VEGANUARY 2022

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"Order volume from vegan restaurants was up 146% and vegan options from vegan-friendly restaurants up 114% year-on-year, while new customers purchasing vegan were up 163% year-on-year."



"Demand for Coop's GRO Incredible Burger surged in Veganuary 2021, with sales doubling year-on-year"



"Squeaky Bean® sales were up 222% in Veganuary 2021 versus Veganuary 2020"



"You won't have missed the New York Style Pretzel Roll which has taken social media by storm this Veganuary, and has been our best-selling vegan sandwich ever, selling one every 30 seconds!"

## **ABOUT VEGANUARY**

Our mission is to inspire and support people to try vegan.

Millions of people from around the world have taken part in

Veganuary since we launched in 2014. Our 2021 campaign

had a record sign-up number of over 580,000 participants.

Kantar research shows that around 10 times as many people

usually take part in Veganuary than officially sign-up through

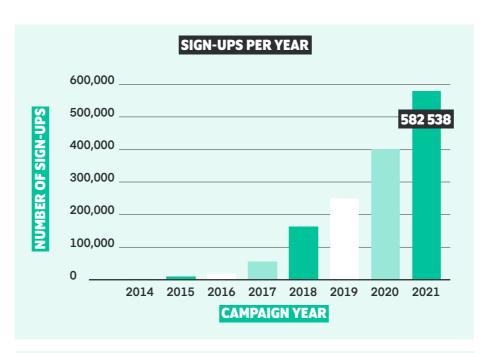
our website, which means over 5 million people gave vegan

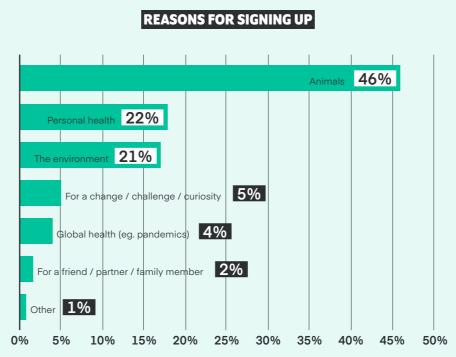
eating a try!

Veganuary is a great free marketing tool that helps brands, retailers and restaurants launch and promote their vegan products during January. Our aim is to connect veg-curious consumers generated by our pledge campaign to brands that can provide the plant-based options they are looking for during January and beyond.

During our 2021 campaign thousands of businesses participated with over 570 new vegan product launches and over 260 vegan options added to restaurant menus, with many businesses reporting a significant increase in sales and customer engagement throughout the month.

In addition to driving large-scale change in the UK, we also run targeted campaigns in the US, Germany and Latin America, as well as working with partners in several other countries to create a global campaign. The heart of our campaign is our 31-day vegan pledge, where participants receive daily emails providing all the resources and advice they need to make the transition to a plant-based diet.







580,000

Over 580,000 people participated in 2021



1500

Our 2021 campaign featured in more than 1500 media stories



82!

More than 825 new vegan products and menu items were launched for Veganuary 2021



98%

98% would recommend Veganuary to a friend



209

People from 209 countries and territories took part

## THE IMPACT OF VEGANUARY

MORE THAN ONE MILLION PEOPLE
HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED
VEGANUARY'S ONE-MONTH
CHALLENGE SINCE IT BEGAN IN 2014.
WHAT IMPACT HAVE THEY HAD?

Statistics compiled by Dr Helen Harwatt from Harvard University's Animal Law and Policy program\*





the same as 1,645 tonnes of sewage spared from waterways



#### ALSO SPARED THE LIVES OF 3.4 MILLION ANIMALS\*\*

**6.2 MILLION LITRES** 

**OF WATER SAVED** 

the same as flushing the toilet

almost half a million times

\*\*according to The Vegan Society's calculator



103,840 TONNES
OF CO<sup>2</sup>EQ SAVED

equivalent to driving around the world almost 15,000 times

### THE 2021 CAMPAIGN IN NUMBERS



#### **582,000 PARTICIPANTS**

More than 580,000 people from 209 countries took part in Veganuary 2021 by signing-up to give vegan a try. Knowing that around 10 times as many people usually take part in Veganuary than officially sign-up through our website, that means over 5 million people gave vegan eating a go!



## 75% REDUCING ANIMAL PRODUCTS

75% of those not staying vegan are reducing by 50% or more



## 93% LIKELY TO TRY VEGAN AGAIN

93% of those participants who aren't committing to stay vegan after Veganuary said they were 'somewhat likely', 'very likely' or 'extremely likely' to try veganism again in the future, showing plant based demand remains on an upward trajectory

#### 98% WOULD RECOMMEND

Veganuary is enjoyable.
98% of participants surveyed in
2020 said they would recommend
Veganuary to others

## 50% SAW HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS

Half of the respondents saw some improvements to their overall health, including improvements to their energy levels, mood, skin appearance and body weight

#### **40% STAYING VEGAN**

40% of Veganuary participants plan to stay vegan

## 46% SAID ANIMALS WAS THEIR MAIN MOTIVATION FOR SIGNING UP

Reasons for taking part in 2021: 46% Animals, 22% Health, 21% Environment



#### **1500 MEDIA STORIES**

We were featured in mainstream media every single day during the main campaign period and many of the most renowned media in the world covered our stories, such as The Guardian and The Independent.

#### WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED

## PLANT-BASED FOOD CATEGORY WORTH £1.2 BILLION

£300m in 2017 to £608m in 2021, while plant-based meat alternatives grew from £308m in 2017 to £616m in 2021

Source: Kantar

## HAVE AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FOLLOWING A MEAT AVOIDANCE / REDUCTION DIET

Source: Kantar

#### SECTORS WORTH £130 MILLION

Including cheese, chilled desserts, fresh cream and yoghurt drinks

Source: Kantar

## 6.6 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS BUYING VEGAN AFTER VEGANUARY

Vegan-specific ranges were bought by 6.6 million households in Feb 2021 as Veganuary helped sales of those products grow by 23% compared to the same period in 2020

Source: The Grocer





## MEAT-FREE MARKET IN SUPERMARKETS WORTH £527.1 MILLION

Meat-free market in UK supermarkets is worth £527.1 million, with The Vegan Society forecasting the global market to be worth £5.2 billion by 2025.

Source: Nielson/The Grocer

## 1 IN 20 BRITS ATTEMPTED TO GO VEGAN IN JANUARY

YouGov data shows that one in twenty Britons (5%) attempted to go vegan in January 2021, while another 3% already have a plant-based diet. Among 18-24 year olds, 6% are already vegan, while a further 8% participated in the challenge.

Source: YouGov

FIND MORE STATS ON THE VEGAN MARKET HERE.

## 22% OF BRITS ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH MEATLESS OR MEAT-LIGHT DIETS

Veganuary helps brands boost public perception and reach new customer bases. Vegans make up a small percentage of the population, but they are part of a wider group experimenting with meatless or meat-light diets that accounts for over a fifth of Britons (22%), including vegetarians (5%), pescatarians (3%) and flexitarians (13%). About a third of the public (34%) also agree that they would like to reduce their meat and dairy consumption.

Source: YouGov

## **VEGANUARY 2021 CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

OVER 572
NEW VEGAN
PRODUCTS
WERE
LAUNCHED

OVER 261
NEW VEGAN
OPTIONS ADDED
TO RESTAURANT
MENUS IN
VEGANUARY
2021

See our full round-up of Veganuary corporate highlights by watching our end of campaign video here.



Demand for plant-based foods soared by over 35% in Jan 2021 with over 700,000 shoppers purchasing Plant Chef or Wicked Kitchen, an 81% increase YOY



The Meatless Meatball Hot Wrap was the first new product to become a top 5 bestseller in launch week in Pret's history



Sales increased by 20% in January YOY, Cauldron's Instagram engagement was up 12 times, their YouTube received over 7m views and there was a 41% uplift in visits to Cauldron's website



16.5% of sales in January were from their vegan and plant-based products, versus just 6.5% of sales last year



Vegan orders increased by 17% as a result of their Veganuary campaign



Weekly sales of Violife's Cocospread more than doubled (+134%) in Veganuary 2021 vs sales in 2020



Online searches for 'vegan' on asda. com increased by 175% YOY and vegan sales in January were forecast to increase +391% YOY



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## **VEGANUARY'S SOCIAL AND** MEDIA REACH

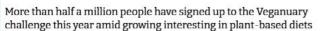
**ONCE AGAIN VEGANUARY GRABBED GLOBAL MEDIA ATTENTION. HERE'S SOME** OF THE COVERAGE WE **RECEIVED IN THE UK...** 

Veganuary: The top plant-based food launches for 2021, from Marks & **Spencer to Starbucks** 



Are you ready to go animal-free? These tasty new options promise to get you excited for meal times

#### **Veganuary 2021: Record numbers** go animal product free for January









#### **Small Business Insider**

Top vegan trends for Veganuary 2021 and beyond



#### NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

By Maddie Maynard | 5 January 2021 | 6 min read

All the new branded launches for Veganuary 2021



Veganuary kicks off 2021 campaign backed by host of celebrities

Veganuary inspires up to 1.5 million Brits to try vegan or veggie diet

#### **VEGANUARY'S REACH & FOLLOWING**

- 2021 campaign featured in MORE THAN 1500 media stories
- Jan 2021 social media reach: 224 MILLION
- **#Veganuary views:** 170 MILLION on TikTok
- **English language** email subscribers: 548K
- Pinterest monthly views: 143K+
- Facebook: 340K
- Instagram: 388K
- Twitter: 68K

\*as of July 2021

#### **OFFICIAL CONSUMER SURVEY OF VEGANUARY DATABASE**

Want to survey Veganuary's database to find out what they think of your products and brand or to gain valuable insights from our participants? **GET IN TOUCH** to find out more about packages available.

We advise against doing your own 'Veganuary' related surveys as a PR angle. The results often conflict with our official participant survey and are not helpful to the plant-based cause. Thanks for understanding!

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## HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL VEGANUARY

#### **SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN**

#### 1) UTILISE THE FREE **VEGANUARY ASSETS**

Use Veganuary's official logo on your marketing materials including social, point of sale and on pack (check out our brand guidelines here or use our free ready-to-use Veganuary marketing materials.

#### 2) ACTIVATE VEGANUARY AND **BRING IT TO LIFE**

Veganuary activation is all about collaboration between brands, restaurants and retailers to bring the campaign to life for the consumer. Connect with your commercial teams to discuss how you can collaborate.

#### 3) TAG US ON SOCIAL AND #VEGANUARY2022

Make sure to tag us in your Veganuary posts and use the hashtag #Veganuary2022 so that our social media team have the chance to engage and repost your content.













#### 4) JOIN THE CAMPAIGN **GLOBALLY!**

Veganuary runs targeted campaigns in the US, Germany and Latin America, as well as working with partners in several other countries to create a global campaign. Get in touch to discuss working with us internationally.

#### 5) TAKE ON THE VEGANUARY **WORKPLACE CHALLENGE**

Try vegan in your workplace and let us support your journey throughout January. As well as being a fun staff challenge, it's also a great PR opportunity. Check out the Workplace Challenge Guide here.

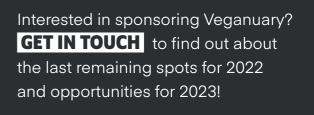














## **OPPORTUNITIES WITH VEGANUARY**

#### **LET US SUPPORT YOU**

#### 1) SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US

<u>Send us</u> your press releases and images for any new launches or vegan news and our social team may share the news with our audience. Our social channels run all year long so send us your news even after January!

#### 2) GET A QUOTE FOR YOUR PRESS RELEASE

Our Head of Marketing & Communications is available to review and provide a quote for relevant and exciting press releases to support and endorse your Veganuary activity. **Get in touch** for further details.

#### 3) DEVELOP VEGANUARY SPECIAL OFFERS

Create enticing promotions for your customers and we might share them with our audience through our Special Offers web page. **Get in touch** for more details.

#### 4) JOIN VEGANUARY'S RESTAURANT GUIDE

If you're a UK high street chain eatery, send us the details of your vegan options to be added to our **Restaurant Guide**, a resource on our website that gets millions of visitors!

## 5) CREATE UNIQUE AND EXCLUSIVE RECIPES FOR VEGANUARY

Participants love to utilise the recipes we share on our <u>website</u>. If you'd like to create an exclusive recipe for our website (the recipe must not be listed anywhere else online) then **get in touch** to discuss.



#### **KEY DATES & DEADLINES**

6 DEC

Submit special offer details for website inclusion

8 DEC

Veganuary campaign officially launches

1 JAN

Veganuary begins! Announce on your socials, tag us and use #Veganuary2022 on all your posts!

MARCH

Official Veganuary participant survey results published



Confirm involvement in the campaign and work with the Veganuary team to develop plans and brainstorm ideas!

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6 DEC

Workplace Challenge participants to submit quotes for potential inclusion in Veganuary press release



**13 DEC** 

Submit all press releases for major news with embargo dates detailed



**END OF JAN** 

Initial Veganuary results published



**THROUGHOUT 2022** 

Join our mini campaigns (more on p14!)

## **GET INVOLVED: IN-STORE**

Use the Veganuary name and <u>logo</u> on point of sale, on pack and in print





Launch new products & menu items



Vegan Cookbooks Selected products

VEGANUARY YOUR WAY

E11.5

Create special offers & price promotions on your vegan range



Use our QR code on your POS to encourage your customers to sign-up to Veganuary – research shows that participants are much more likely to succeed at trying vegan with our support!

range with feature space in-store



Reach new potential customers with out of home advertising

Conduct samplings of your vegan products





Host Veganuary-themed events



## **GET INVOLVED: DIGITAL ACTIVITY**







Use the Veganuary logo on your digital and social activity

Encourage your
audience to sign up at
veganuary.com/try-vegan/
- evidence shows
they're more likely to

succeed with our help

and support!



Write blog content and recipes on veganism and why people should sign-up to Veganuary

Engage your email subscribers with your Veganuary activity





Promote your vegan offering with a TV and Radio ad in January to coincide with Veganuary



Mention Veganuary in your press release and speak to us about getting a quote to include







## **GET INVOLVED: PRESS STUNTS**

DO SOMETHING UNUSUAL TO ATTRACT BUZZ AND PUBLICITY AROUND YOUR VEGANUARY CAMPAIGN. HERE'S SOME INSPIRATION TO GET YOU STARTED...



**ICELAND** launched a foot long vegan sausage roll in collaboration with **GREGGS** 



monitored by comedians to help people with the temptation of eating meat during Veganuary.

They answered the calls with meatbased jokes, plant-based puns and animal noises, to help get them through the month of no meat with a smile on their face



**PRET** collaborated with Big Zuu to create a rap song for the launch of the Meatless Meatball Hot Wrap



JUSTEAT turned London's iconic
Beefeaters into Leaf Eaters to deliver
orders in celebration of Veganuary



**COSTA** made plant-based milks free in January

## WHAT DOES VEGANUARY DO THE REST OF THE YEAR?

The Veganuary team works throughout the year to encourage people to try vegan, read more about our impact <a href="here">here</a>.

Stay in touch with our corporate team for the opportunity to engage with our audience beyond January.

548K ENGLISH LANGUAGE EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS

800K SOCIAL FOLLOWING ACROSS FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM

558K UK WEB VISITORS ANNUALLY

\*as of July 2021

#### **2022 MINI CAMPAIGN DATES:**



CHOOSE CHICKEN-FREE WEEK

4th – 10th April 2022



PLANT-BASED BBQ WEEK 18th – 24th July



**CHOOSE FISH-FREE WEEK**6th – 12th June 2022



**CHOOSE DAIRY-FREE WEEK**22nd to 28th August 2022

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

1) SEND US YOUR NEWS whenever you have new vegan launches or vegan news and we might share the story with our audience

2) TAKE PART IN OUR MINI
CAMPAIGNS throughout the
year. Get in contact to hear what
opportunities we have available

3) GET PLANNING FOR THE NEXT CAMPAIGN well in advance to make sure it's the best one yet!





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## **VEGANUARY WORKPLACE CHALLENGE**

The Veganuary Workplace Challenge is a 31-day pledge that encourages your workforce to give vegan a try for the month of January by signing-up to Veganuary and offers support throughout to help you succeed.

**BENEFITS OF TAKING PART** 

- PROMOTE HEALTH & WELLBEING **AMONGST YOUR STAFF**
- DO YOUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
- **CREATE A FUN CHALLENGE FOR** STAFF TO TAKE PART IN
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A GREAT **PR OPPORTUNITY**

**WORKPLACE OUT MORE!** 

**DOWNLOAD** THE VEGANUARY **CHALLENGE GUIDE HERE TO FIND** 

In January 2021, 63 companies and institutions from the UK, US and Germany got on board, supporting their workforces to eat vegan in January and in many cases leading by example with CEOs and senior leaders taking part. Here are some of the workplaces that have taken part...





#### **AVEDA'S GLOBAL BRAND PRESIDENT BARBARA DE LAERE:**

"This Veganuary, more than 1,500 people in the Aveda network transitioned to a plant-based diet as part of a celebration around our brand's recent news: 100% of our products are now 100% vegan, now and forever! Achieving this milestone alongside our participation in the Veganuary challenge has been particularly rewarding for us as a team - not to mention it has opened many eyes to the impact individual diet and lifestyle changes can have on our collective environmental footprint."



#### **MARCO SETTEMBRI, CEO OF NESTLÉ ZONE EMENA:**

"As someone who stepped up to the Veganuary challenge this year, I am happy to be part of this movement as it grows across Europe and beyond. For me, now, behind Veganuary there's a bigger picture - and one which induces long-term action. It's about really feeling the need of the consumer. That is why, this year I am promoting Veganuary across many of our categories and initiatives."

If your workplace takes on the challenge, we'd love to discuss PR opportunities with you — email us at

CORPORATE@VEGANUARY.COM



## **THANK YOU!** LET'S MAKE IT THE BIGGEST **VEGANUARY YET!**

**CONTACT: CORPORATE@VEGANUARY.COM** 





Hannah Weller INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE **ENGAGEMENT OFFICER** 



If you are interested in vegan labelling and using the vegan trademark on your products and menus then get in touch with our friends at the Vegan Society at trademark@vegansociety.com













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